

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

On October 13, 2011, a telephone interview was held between Examiner Jon Weber, Examiner Aaron Kosar, and Applicant's representatives, David Osborne and Ronald Burchett. During the interview, the cited art and current rejections were discussed. While the Examiners found Applicant's arguments persuasive over the current rejections, Examiner Weber indicated that Fancy (on record) appeared to be an anticipatory reference with respect to the present claims. As such, possible amendments were discussed in view of Fancy including limiting the second moiety to fluorescein. The Applicant agreed to provide a proposed amendment to the claims after further reviewing the claims.

On October 19, 2011, a telephone interview was held between Examiner Jon Weber and Applicant's representative, Ronald Burchett. During the interview, the Applicant agreed to amend the claims to fluorescein. The Examiner questioned whether fluorescein was being used to cross-link or whether it was solely present as a tag. The Examiner suggested that the claim should be amended to clarify the relationships. The Applicant agreed to investigate the issue and send a proposed claim to the Examiner.

On November 17, 2011, a telephone interview was held between Examiner Aaron Kosar and Applicant's representative, Ronald Burchett. During the interview, the proposed amendment to the claim provided to the Examiner was discussed. The Examiner stated that he had meet with his supervising Examiner, Jon Weber, and that a proposed claim would be provided to the Applicant.

On November 18, 2011, a telephone interview was held between Examiner Aaron Kosar and Applicant's representative, Ronald Burchett. During the interview, the Examiner's proposed claim was discussed. The Applicant agreed to amend the claims to include the proposed claim as suggested by the Examiner and to review the remaining claims in light of the proposed amendment. Additionally, the Examiner requested that the specification be amended to include the material disclosed by the original claims and in light of the proposed amendment to the claims. The Applicant agreed to amend the claims, the specification, and submit an after final amendment.